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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

**AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANALYSIS OF THE TECHNOLOGY SECTOR
IN THE STATE ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 32-1o of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (c) The strategic plan required under this section shall include, but
5 not be limited to, the following:

6 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state. Such
7 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral
8 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor
9 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and historic
10 trend analysis and projections;

11 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or
12 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut
13 and its constituent regions. Such factors, issues or forces shall include,
14 but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not limited to,

15 commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology transfer,
16 brownfield remediation and development, health care delivery and
17 costs, early education, primary education, secondary and
18 postsecondary education systems and student performance, business
19 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs
20 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and
21 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,
22 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;

23 (3) Identification and analysis of economic clusters that are growing
24 or declining within the state;

25 (4) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state, including,
26 but not limited to, the technology sector, that (A) identifies those
27 industry sectors and emerging technologies that are of current or
28 future importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its
29 global competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors
30 need for continued growth, [and] (C) identifies those industry sectors'
31 current and potential impediments to growth, and (D) for the
32 technology sector, identifies areas in the state that contain resources to
33 best support such growth;

34 (5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure
35 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of
36 the past and current economic, community and housing development
37 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its
38 constituent parts in Connecticut, and (B) an analysis of the
39 performance of the current economic, community and housing
40 development structure, and its individual constituent parts, in meeting
41 its statutory obligations, responsibilities and mandates and their
42 impact on economic development and responsible growth in
43 Connecticut;

44 (6) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut that
45 identifies where the state should be in five, ten, fifteen and twenty
46 years;

47 (7) Establishment of clear and measurable goals and objectives for
48 the state and regions, to meet the short and long-term goals established
49 under this section and provide clear steps and strategies to achieve
50 said goals and objectives, including, but not limited to, the following:
51 (A) The promotion of economic development and opportunity, (B) the
52 fostering of effective transportation access and choice including the use
53 of airports and ports for economic development, (C) enhancement and
54 protection of the environment, (D) maximization of the effective
55 development and use of the workforce consistent with applicable state
56 or local workforce investment strategy, (E) promotion of the use of
57 technology in economic development, including access to high-speed
58 telecommunications, and (F) the balance of resources through sound
59 management of physical development;

60 (8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this
61 section;

62 (9) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and
63 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,
64 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect
65 relationships, and provide a clear and replicable measurement
66 methodology;

67 (10) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals
68 under the strategic plan and provide cost estimates for implementation
69 of the plan and the projected return on investment for those areas;

70 (11) A review and evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the
71 urban jobs program established pursuant to sections 32-9i to 32-9l,
72 inclusive, enterprise zones established pursuant to section 32-70,
73 railroad depot zones established pursuant to section 32-75a, qualified
74 manufacturing plants designated pursuant to section 32-75c,
75 entertainment districts established pursuant to section 32-76 and
76 enterprise corridor zones established pursuant to section 32-80. The
77 review and evaluation of enterprise zones shall include an analysis of
78 enterprise zones that have been expanded to include an area in a

79 contiguous municipality or in which there are base or plant closures;

80 (12) An assessment of program performance with regard to the
81 development, research and economic assistance matching grant
82 program established pursuant to section 32-345; and

83 (13) Any other responsible growth information that the
84 commissioner deems appropriate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2015	32-1o(c)
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Economic and Community Development to analyze the technology sector in the state and identify important emerging technologies in the state economic strategic plan.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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